President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

OPENING STATEMENT

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middle-income Americans would lose nearly 40 percent of their entire tax reduction. Well, or loyalty lies with little fax. polyers, not big tax spenders. What our polyers, not big tax spenders. What our washington know better how to spend your money than you the people do, but we're not going to let them do it, period.

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Worst Economic Mess*

A year and a half ago, we inherited 21.5 percent interest rates, double-debt, the worst economic mess in yost-war history. I told the American people it would be tough; there was no quick fix or magic wand. But if we believed in ourselves, it we stuck together, we could urn the economy around the people of the worst economic mess in yost-war with the people of the word of the word

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Israel and Lebanon

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Q. Mr. President. There are some who'd say that by failing to condemn the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and refusing to cut off arms to the invading armies, the United States and Israeli policies have become — and goals — have become identical. If there's a difference, what is 1? Also Soviet slaughter of Adpans, which the Country of the Country of the William of Lebanese and the displaced people of Palestine? If so, what's the difference?

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boped to a diplomatic settlement and believed there could have been a diplomatic settlement in the Middle East. We were not warned or notified of the invasion that was going to take place. On the other hand, there had been a breaking of the cease-fire, which had held for about 11 months, in that area. I think there are differences which had held for about 11 months, in that area. I think there are differences being on and things like just the outright invasion of Alghanistan by a forcing newer determined to impose its will on another country. We have a situation in Lebanon in which there was a force, the P.L.O., ifterally a government within a modern the property of the propert

And the third goal is to get all the foreign forces — Syrians, Israelis and the armed P.L.O. — out of Lebanon. Q. A lot of people who've been displaced in Palestine,
A. Yes, And L.

placed in Palestine.

A. Yes. And I signed a bill this morning for \$50 million in aid for Lebanon there, where several hundred thousand of those Palestinians are. I don't think they were all displaced from one area. And they have been refugees now into ongoing generations.

oscillations and many and many and many and many and many and to differentiate between the P.L.O. and the Palestinians— and out of this, also, we have another goal — that's been our goal for quite some time— and that is, to once and for all, when and that is, to once and for all, when come and for all of eal with the problem of the Palestinians, and settle that problem within the proposals and the suggestions that were made in the Camp David accords.

Resignation of Haig

Q. Mr. President, by all accounts Secretary of State Haig offered to re-sign several times; why do you accept his offer this time? And what are you going to be doing to make sure that the sort of problems that led to his resig-nation don't occur again? A. Well, once again you ask a ques-

tion upon which when I accepted his resignation I mide a statement that I resignation I mide a statement that I resignation of more accepted to — or came, in with a resignation and submitted his resignation to me. Whatever else has been heard was never—three was submitted his resignation to me. Whatever else has been heard was never—three was submitted his resignation and I, with great regret and sorrow—and that's not just a platitude; I really mean II—accepted that resignation.

I must say, at the sands time I also out the hard of the history of the hist

Future of Donovan

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Q. Mr. President, what are you going to do about Mr. Donovan? Has he become too much of a political embarrassment to you? Are you going to be sticking to him?

I with him. All the allegations that were brought, the many, many allegations — and he asked for a special prosecutor, he asked to appear before a grand Jury. The grand jury both orbiting dury. The grand jury both orbiting take any action. The prosecutor has brought in a report of 1,000 pages and has found there is no substantiation for any of the allegations. Now why should someone become an embar of the substantiation for any of the allegations. Now why should someone become an embar undergone what he has undergone all these months and then 1,000 pages of this property and the property and the beginner and the property of the property and the beginner will be allegations. He beginner any substantiation for those charges as he had said in the beginner will be allegations. He beginner any substantiation for those world for anyone to think that he has been anything but unfairly and unjuty assailer. A you we oncerned?

A you bet, that case is closed as far as your concerned?

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Conduct of Foreign Policy

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Andrea, you've been trying for
some time and I'm sorry I had to pass
by. You have question?
Q. Thank you, Mr. President. What
wanted to ask you is whether you
felt, even though you won't discuss the
reasons for Secretary Haig? a resignation or why you accepted it, whether
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should have accepted history
whether than the property out to accept a resignation in the middle of

such a crisis? And do you think it has undermined our ability to conduct for, eign policy with confidence abroad?

A. No, I don't believe it has, And It think part of this is because the conduction of the condu

So there just is no easy time for that to happen.

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Q. Mr. President, what steps are
you prepared to take if Israel resumes
fighting in Lebanon, moves in on the
PLO. in West Beiruf? And what is
the United States prepared to do for
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A. This is a question, again, where I
have to beg your tolerance of me. With
the delicacy of the negotiations that
are going on in trying to achieve those
three major points that I mentioned,
there's just no way that I can commight happen because door what
anything that might in any way affect
those negotiations, all of which involve the very things that you're asking about. And I just have to remain
silent on those.

Tuition Tax Credits

Q. Mr. President, your proposal to grant tax credits on income tax to the parents of the children who atted private schools is not much attack, any that this will be pseudost that discriminate. And they also say this is just a political ploy for certain votes that the passage of the bill at this seesand congress?

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Explanation of Haig's Exit

Q. Mr. President, in 1976 when another Secretary of State left under another President, you were critical of

the explanations given and called or a fuller explanation. With all the property of the reasons that led to the departure of Secretary Haig?

A Lou, if I thought that there was something involved in this that the fegard to their own welfare, then I would be frank with the American people and tell them. And I think if we're recalling the same previous resignation, I limit there were some was something where there were sides in which the American people needed to know for their own judgment.

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Q. If I could just follow up, sir, then you think that the entire explanation to the control of the successary, and the country of the control of the successary, thing that in any way would benefit the people to know or that will in any way affect their good judgment.

Equal Rights Amendment

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Q. Mr. President, since Maureen
Reagan today mentioned what she
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don't think, however, that the effort
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Governor, to the extent that in Califorfig, we found I statutes that did discriminatory.
Now, I believe in equal rights. And
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statutes, or alreced them or removed the provisions in them that were discriminatory.

Now, I believe in equal rights. And when I came here I asked 50 governors, individually, If each one of them would appoint someone in their own state to start looking, searching, for state we had done there in California, and this included, in California, to see if there are more that we didn't find.

I promised to appoint, and have appointed, a person in our Government bere, in cur Administration, to, also to make the start in the start of the property of the start of the start looking.

And I found that there was a task force, in the Justice Department, and I think that maybe we've made it more active since we've been free, to, 50 the same thing with regard to Feditions, and the start in the start look that are discriminatory.

And now I know that many say that they will continue to try for an amendment, And I just wonder if any of them have ever thought how much of that effort, and the resources that are employed in that, if used in behalf of this proyed in that, if used in behalf of this proyed in that, if used in behalf of this years to say the start look in the start look in the start look and much faster, just as we did in California, and eliminate and we've going to continue to try and do that.

Yes Sam.

Invasion of West Beirut

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O. Mr. President, many Arab states
are saying that if israel invades betcause you have given Israel a green
light to do so. Have you done so? Will
you? And what will be your attitude if
strael goes into west Beirut?

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close at the point they are, that Can't
answer, I would like to say this, no,
'I've given no green light whatsover.
And an impression that I know some
of the neighboring states there have
were aware of this and we gave per,
mission or something, no. We were
caught as much by surprise as anyone, and we wanted a diplomatic solution and believe there could have been
O. But, sir, if I may last week your

one, and we wanted a diplomatic solu-tion and believe there could have been one.

But, sir, if I may, last week your-depity press secretary said that when Prime Minister Begin we have, promised you that Israel would go no further into Beirut.

A. I think so his not having heard the original — the conversation be-tween Prime Minister Begin and my-self, that what he called a promise ac-tually was in a discussion in which, to be most accurate, the Prime Minister that the prime Minister Begin and my-self, that what he called a promise ac-tually was in a discussion in which, to be most accurate, the Prime Minister to, and that they had not wanted to from the beginning.

Q. So it was not a promise not to do in?

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Pipeline Gear Embargo

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Q. Mr. President, the British conermment today took steps to enable
British companies to get around the
U.S. embargo on the sale of gas pipeline equipment to the Soviet Union.
Some of your advisors, including Mr.
Haig, have argued all along that this
embargo is going to be damaging to
U.S. Interests in Europe. And I'm
working if you have any second
you intend to take any additional steps
to force our European allies to go
along it.
A. Well there aren't any additional

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steps. We were well aware that there might be legalities concerned with the contracts or the licensing of foreign contracts or the licensing of foreign contracts or the licensing of foreign properties of the contracts of the licensing of foreign properties of the proposed in tembargo back at the time when the trouble began in Poland. And as we believe limits of the proposed in the proposed of Poland by their military government.

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We will that it done, well life the proposed of Poland has the principle we could back away from that simply because the Soviet Union has sat there and done nothing. And this is the reason for it. I understand that it is a hardship. We tried to persuade our allies not to go forward with the proposed of the propos

Seeking Re-election

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A. Ann?

Q. May I ask you a political question? Earlier this week, one of your cabinet members was quoted as saying about you; "I've told him time after time that he has to sto teiling the grown around him that he should be to the grown around you that you're not going for un again, or will you tell us hat you are?

A. Well, now, Ann, you know that it is far too early to make a decision on a matter of that kind. But I can answer!

A well, now that I won't run again. I have at times even expressed the idea to them that it would be unlike me, I think, to walk away from an unfinished job. And I've suggested that they shouldn't wanted ad.

Q. Well, that seems — the legalities of announcing aside — that seems to indicate to us that you would be indicating you're leaning in favor of running in 1884?

A. Well, what it is say is no A. Well ally what it is say is no head of the control of the con

Sanctions on Argentina

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O. Mr. President, do you intend to
keep, or in the near future remove, the
sanctions you imposed on Argentina
in the Falklands crisis?
A. I can't give you an answer on
that. What is going on right now—the
we did our best, as I said before, to
try to bring about a peaceful settiement, it dint happen. There was
victor and a vanquished. And now it's
tharify the place for us to intervene in
that, We'll stand by ready to help, if
our help is asked for. We just haven't
had a discussion on that matter as yet.

Factors in Halg Departure

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Q. Mr. President, I don't know if I'll
succed where others have hailed before. I understand your refuctance to
discuss the Haig resignation. But two
specific questions that seem to arise
from that resignation: Do you think
that there were mixed signals sent to a
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you were pressing the Israelis to with
draw while the rest of the Administration was trying to maintain pressure
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to take your most severe option on the
pipeline, leaving the State Department dangling to explain to Western
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at A. No, there was no blind-siding on
that. Take the last part first. It was
fully discussed and has been several
times in the Cabinet. There were differences of opinion about the extent to
do it at all. And I had to come down, as
I did at the first, on the side of what I
thought was principle.
As to conflicting signals, no. I know
there have been rumors about that.
Sommunication through the State Department with Phil Habib, and taking
much of our lead from his reporting of

And, while naturally there are times, such as a live a do onversa-tions with mass and live a do onversa-tions with mean thing the state of the thing that is discussed is then related to whoever was not present — Na-tional Security Council, national se-curity advisers, State Department— so that at all times, and there has never been any dual track or confu-sion with regard to our communica-tions.

Voting Rights Act

Q. Mr. Persident, when you signed the extension of the Voting Rights Act the other day, some minority leaders expressed skepticism over your Administration's commitment to that civil rights legislation, possibly because it took you a very long time to embrace the language of the bull. My are you going to take to make very certain that that law is enforced?

certain that that law is enforced?

A. I'm going to take every initiative there is; it's my responsibility to see that it is enforced? I think that one that it is enforced. I think that one that it is enforced in the seed of the seed is to guarantee the constitutional rights of every citizen, no matter where in the land that citizen may be, if those rights are being violated.

It didn't take me long. There was quite a bit of legislative debate in the Congress about that bill, and some provisions — I had said from the beginning if they wanted to just send offered then, at the very beginning, to extend it for the longest period it's ever been extended, 10 years.

ever been extended, 10 years,

1 know some of those civil rights leaders have that impression, and as a matter of fact they are doing a bit of mage-building about me. I would like to have any one of them point to a single instance in regard to me that suppression of the state o

I was raised in a household in which the only intolerance I was taught was intolerance of bigotry, and I will match my record against some of those critics. Maybe not their words, because many of them are gifted with rhetoric, but with actual deeds. I appointed, as Governor of California, to executive and policy-making positions as the property of the property of

And, incidentally, in response to an-other question here with regard to sex-ual discrimination, I think we're ahead of just about anyone at this point with regard to the appointment of women to high positions in our Gov-ernment.

But as a student, I fought this when I But as a student, I fought this when I encountered it. As a sports announcer, I did as much as I could do at a time when prejudice was deeply embedded in the, world of professional sports. I've given you the record as Governor and since then. And it's kind of frustrating, it really does bother me. If a student in the student is the student of the student in the st

Q. Mr. President, some Israeli offi-cials have acknowledged, in recent days, the use of cluster bombs in the war in Lebanon. How much does this concern you?

concern you?

A. It concerns me very much, as the whole thing does. And, Judy, we've—we have a review going now, as we must by law, of the use of weapons and whether American weapons sold there were used offensively and not defensively. And that situation is very ambiguous.

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The only statement that we've heard so far, with regard to the cluster bomb, was one military official — Is reali military official and a sparently made that statement publicly what he was no more about it than what he was not seen as the conserved have read in the press.

press.
But the review is going forward and the review that would lead to what the law requires — that we must inform the Congress as to whether we believe there was a question of this being an offensive attack, or whether it was in self-defense.

When I said ambiguous, you must recall that prior to this attack Soviet-built rockets and 180-millimeter can-non were shelling villages across the border in Israel and causing civilian casualties.

White House Posts Schedule For Reagans' 11-Day Vacation.

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)

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